

NEED LOCAL HELP IN TAX VALUATION

Auditor Calls on Supervisors,
Mayors and Council to
Aid Tax Reform.

CONFER WITH ASSESSORS

People Should Understand Uni-
form Assessments Will Bring
Justice to All.

Help in the enforcement of the tax assessment laws of the State is being sought by Auditor C. Lee Moore from the boards of supervisors of the counties and from the Mayors and Councils of the cities and towns. In circular letters addressed to these public bodies, he calls attention to the ways in which they can aid materially in securing an assessment of property this year at its fair market value.

"The law has conferred upon you," says the Auditor, in his letter to members of boards of supervisors, "very large powers in the administration of the affairs of the counties and of the districts in counties. Under the law, county and district levies must be extended on the valuations of real estate and personal property assessed for the purposes of State taxation. The counties and districts are, therefore, very materially concerned to have those assessments made at a fair market value, as the law requires."

Confer With Assessors.
In order to obtain full and uniform assessments, the Auditor urges that conferences be held between supervisors and commissioners of the revenue, who are now engaged in the work of valuing property for taxation. He calls attention to the fact that supervisors, chosen from different sections of their county, are familiar with the personal property in their districts and with its value. Support given to commissioners of the revenue who are trying to do their duty will, it is argued, have the effect of sustaining them in their efforts to work efficiently, and encourage taxpayers to comply with the law, provisions of which are now better understood by them. In the opinion of Mr. Moore, than ever before. "I believe," he adds, "they will this year readily furnish the commissions with full and accurate information."

Supervisors annually fix the rate of county and district levies for general, school and road purposes. Whenever the property assessed yields more revenue than is necessary, the boards may make reduction according to their judgment, so that increased assessments and uniform valuations will not be burdensome.

The Auditor concludes by urging su-

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Supervisors to comply with the law and fix the rate of county and district levies at the April meeting. Delays in attending to this duty frequently operate to prevent the commissioners sending in their books promptly to the local treasurer and to the Auditor by July 15, as required by statute.

Need Council Committees.
Addressing Mayors of cities and towns, the Auditor first directs attention to the provision of law that assessments of property for municipal taxation must be the same as that for State taxation. Such localities are, therefore, materially concerned to have assessments of personal property and of new buildings and improvements to buildings, made at a fair market value, as the law requires.

He requests the assistance and cooperation of Mayors to this end, believing that most satisfactory results will be obtained by conferences between appropriate committees of town and city Councils with commissioners of the revenue while they are engaged in their work. Together, they may discuss values of new buildings, and talk over the fair market valuation of personal property of people and corporations in the community.

"I think it important," says the Auditor, "that the people should thoroughly understand that the ultimate

effect of compliance with the law will not increase the burden of taxation, but that proper assessment of every taxpayer will produce such largely increased assessed values, placing the burden of taxation on every one in proportion to his or her possessions, as it should be, as will result most probably in reducing the rate of levy, which reduction will inure to the benefit of all."

SHE WEDS A TITLE.

Baltimore, February 8.—Miss Elinor Douglas Wise, daughter of the late Commander Frederick M. Wise, U. S. N., was married at the cathedral here to-day to Armand, Duc de Richelieu, et de Fronsac de France. Cardinal Gibbons performed the ceremony at a low mass, the nuptial mass not being sung during Lent.

Following the service a wedding breakfast was served to about 200 guests, quite a number of whom came from New York, Philadelphia and Washington.

The Duc de Richelieu, who is the inheritor of the name and nobiliary dignities of Cardinal Richelieu, is half-American. His mother was Alice Heine, daughter of Michael Heine, a banker of New Orleans.

DEMOCRATS NOT BOUND BY PLEDGE

They May Vote as They Please on Battleship Appropriation.

"ECONOMY CAUCUS" FAILS

Quorum Is Not Present, and Called Meeting Quickly Adjourns.

Washington, February 8.—No caucus pledge will bind the House Democrats this year when they vote on the appropriation for battleship construction.

An "economy caucus" called for to-night by members opposed to the authorization of any battleships in the naval appropriation bill at this session, failed to materialize as a result of the absence of practically all Democratic members who favor an increased navy. Only seventy-three members appeared and, as 112 were needed for a quorum, the meeting adjourned after listening to a pension speech by Representative Sherwood, of Ohio.

Speaker Clark and Democratic Leader Underwood were present, although it is an open secret that both opposed the calling of the caucus. Only three members of the Naval Committee attended, Representative Hensley, of Missouri, and Tribble, of Georgia, opposed to battleships, and Talbot, of Maryland, who made the point of no quorum and moved adjournment.

The absence of a quorum was not unexpected, word having been passed yesterday that the "two-battleship" men were to stay away to make certain there should be no action. It is stated that the Naval Committee is certain to recommend the construction of at least two battleships and, with a large majority of Republicans in the House favoring an increased navy, the big navy advocates say there is no doubt about favorable action on the committee's report. Representative Curley, of Massachusetts, said to-night that early next week Democrats standing for a progressive naval policy would hold a conference to agree upon a course of action.

STREETS NOT SAFE FOR GIRLS OR BOYS

Settlement Worker Discusses "Monstrous Condition" Which Exists in Cities.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
New York, February 8.—Speaking on the topic, "Control of Vice," at the Republican Club's regular Saturday discussion to-day, Mrs. Florence Kelley, formerly of Hull House, Chicago, and long identified with settlement work here, declared that in many sections of the city the streets are not safe for boys of fifteen years or older on their way to and from school. She said, too, that from 80 to 90 per cent of the women whose presence on the streets she regarded as showing a "monstrous condition," were mentally defective, and pleaded for legislation to provide them with "proper custodial care."

But Mrs. Kelley's strongest plea was for the investigation of the wage scale industries with a view to securing for working girls sufficient pay so that they might no longer be left with the alternative of "death or dishonor."

Late Father of St. James Church, Judge Warren W. Foster, of the Court of General Sessions, and other speakers, Mrs. Kelley discussed the topic as relating principally to the social evil, and, like them, she had no general plan of "control" to offer.

Mrs. Kelley said that each year 25,000 girls under sixteen years of age leave the public schools, where they have received "no adequate training for industry," and go to work for wages upon which they cannot live, and which do not increase very much as they grow older.

"To quarantine vice is to exploit it, to restrict vice is to put our city upon it, and that no community with any pretense at all to a sense of decency will ever do unless it go mad entirely."

Father Curry said that while he saw no way to get rid of the evil, he saw some remedies. He praised the Big Sisters' movement as the right way to go about the reform.

Judge Foster sketched the history of investigation of the social evil and attempts to control it. He said that when "the details of segregation were considered the impossibility of that solution appeared, and added that after centuries of study, the subject to-day stood "on the brink of despair."

Are Medicines Wholly Useless? Can The Masses Get Along Without Them?



are appearing now in the papers. You have perhaps noticed that a portion of each article is devoted to the subject of keeping well.

What would I advise you to do under the circumstances? I should advise you to go right on as you have been going. Get along without medicine if you possibly can. Look toward Nature for assistance. Clean habits, frugal diet, early to bed, in a well-ventilated room. Work every day at something you like to do. Keep up your enthusiasm. Have faith in Nature and Nature's God. The laws of Nature are inexorable, but the rewards of Nature are kind and beneficent beyond all expression. If you do these things you may during your whole life escape the necessity of using medicine, but even with all this you may occasionally need medicine.

But you must remember that you and your club are exceptional people, that the great masses of people go on thoughtlessly. Their diet is very ill fitted to sustain their bodies properly. Their exposure to cold and wet and heat and fatigue is very reckless. In short, they do not know how to take care of themselves. Consequently, a medicine is necessary often.

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If we could have the whole full of people that are living as you are, perhaps I should then not advocate the use of any drug, but you are only one in ten thousand. The rest are going on heedlessly and recklessly, and it is for them that I am recommending my Pe-ru-na.

The average household needs Pe-ru-na more than I can possibly describe. The small children, the father and mother, the grand children, are all stumbling along heedless of the laws of Nature. A sudden attack of

cold, a chill, cough, hoarseness, tightness in the chest, biliousness, dyspepsia, any one of these things is liable to occur at any time in such a household.

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I have hoped all my life to live to see the day when obedience to the laws of Nature would be prevalent, when the people would live so they would not invite disease or provoke disturbance in the body. But I have not lived to see that day yet. I hardly think I shall. But I have lived to see the day when the people and even the medical profession are very much more interested in hygiene and sanitation than they used to be.

At one time, as a writer, I seemed to be all alone in trying to get the people to listen and become obedient to the laws governing their bodies. Now there are writers galore saying the same things. I am profoundly grateful that this is so.

So long as there are disobedient ones, so long we must have medicine. Even those who are trying to be obedient to the laws of Nature, trying their very best, need medicine for unavoidable conditions that often bring on some derangement. If such little derangements were met promptly with Pe-ru-na the day would more quickly come when even Pe-ru-na would not be needed, the day when the drug doctor would absolutely go out of business. May that day hasten. I shall do all I can while I do live to hurry on the coming of that millennium when all drugs will be relegated to the rubbish heap and all doctor books laid aside as curiosities.

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WANTS TO REDUCE ELEVATOR WORK AT HERMITAGE

Dick Blankenship, Candidate for House, to Champion Cause of Conductors.

Clear-cut is the platform on which Dick Blankenship, the Capitol elevator conductor, proposes to wage his campaign for nomination to the House of Delegates. He has ideas and will stand on them.

He opposes the introduction of a bill for woman suffrage. He is distinctly against further agitation of the teachers' pension law. He hopes no effort will be made to establish a women's college at the University of Virginia or anywhere else. He wishes that among his associates in the General Assembly will be nobody who wants to start a school department row.

Not that Dick is particularly opposed to these propositions. He would consider them judicially and on their own merits if forced to vote on them. That isn't the point.

He is distinctly in opposition to anything that will bring large assemblages of the citizenry to the Capitol. They make too much work for the elevator man, causing a weariness to the flesh. While Dick himself would not be actively engaged in taking his colleagues up and down while serving as a member, he feels for the man he will have temporarily on that job.

Dick is in earnest about his candidity, he says, and he ought to know. He has conducted a partial canvass, and has found many people eager to vote for him. On his platform of fewer visitors to legislative halls he has the sympathy of other lawmakers.

Construction of Ball Grounds Causes Rearrangement of Two Holes on Links.

The work on the baseball park had progressed so rapidly that the golfers had to give up the third and fourth holes yesterday and play over a new course.

The distinction of being the last to play over the old course belongs to Miss Daisy Whitson and Mrs. J. A. Belvin, as it happens that the flag poles were changed immediately after this pair had holed out.

The new course will include one hole which will be longer than any hole in the old course. This is particularly pleasing to interested golfers, as it was feared that the holes would be so shortened as to impair the use of the brassy in playing the long game.

A short hole of 130 yards will correspond to the old fourth short hole and will be fully as difficult to play.

The women will have a putting contest next Saturday, in which the contestants will put on each of the two clocks, and a prize is offered to the lowest aggregate score.

Mrs. Jean Jones holds the title of champion woman putter of the club.

The men will have a handicap tournament on Washington's Birthday.

V. P. I. Wins Game.
Blacksburg, Va., February 8.—In a fast and snappy game of basketball, V. P. I. defeated Roanoke College here this afternoon by a score of 45 to 18. Hughes and Keeling were the stars for V. P. I.; Morgan for Roanoke College.

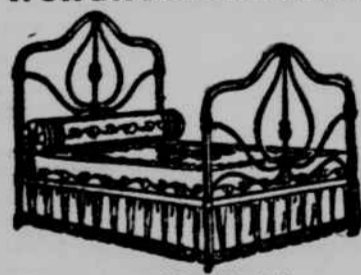
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Thaws Cause Heavy Going, but Riders Enjoy Every Minute of Brisk Run.

The Deep Run hounds of the Country Club met yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock near Yellow Tavern. Owing to the absence of several enthusiastic members, who were out of the city, the field was not as large as usual. A number of automobile parties were out to see the start of the hunt. The splendid condition of the horses and hounds was noticeable, evidenced afterwards in one of the best hunts the club has had this season.

Owing to the greasy surface, caused by recent thaws, several of the more surefooted mounts narrowly averted accidents at the plank fences in Squire Darracott's. His Warfield Crenshaw, mounted on Her Grace, owned by E. B. Snyder, was less fortunate than the rest of the field. In suffering a fall when his horse refused a jump, slipped and fell. Fortunately neither horse nor rider was injured.

The first cast was just before the big plank fences in Squire Darracott's were reached, and instantly the American hounds picked up the live fox scent and led the field in a corking gallop over the national hunting country, through Darracott's, Worth's and Putney's to Dumbarton, for a short check.

The next cast was at Chantilly through Grinnell's, Adam's, to the Country Club, about seven miles. The interest in hunting is more noticeable this winter than for several seasons the past.

It is expected that the horse show and cross country races to be held in May at the Country Club will surpass even last year's excellent show.

Those riding were W. O. Young, M. P. H., on Stranger; Erskine Buford, on Lady; Fred Campbell, on Ben Cole; Dr. White, on Iron Prince; H. C. Beattie, Jr., on Nick 'O Time; Miss Warfield Crenshaw, on Her Grace; Wilburn Snyder, on Chatsworth; Miss Fannie Crenshaw, on Babbie; Huntsman Thornton, on Essex.

Trinity Still Tobogganing.
Washington, D. C., February 8.—Trinity College, of North Carolina, dropped another basketball game here to-night, this time to Catholic University, with the final figure at 15 to 27.

There were a few redeeming features in the victory play, this being the exceptional work of Stiller at left forward, in casting from under the basket. The big fellow was credited in fifteen of a possible sixteen attempts. White, at the other forward, contributed several long shots in the second half that furnished the very other feature from the standpoint of the visitors.

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